

REMARKS

I. Claim Amendments

In response to the Communication dated May 20, 2003, claims 31-33, 35, 37, 39 and 45 have been amended. Claims 31-47 remain in the application. These amendments were made to render the dependencies more appropriate in compliance with the Examiner's request such that dependent claims fall within the scope of the parent claim. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

II. Sequence Listing

In the Communication, the Examiner noted an error and inconsistency with regard to position 38 of SEQ ID NO: 1. Applicants' attorney has reviewed the Sequence Listing and determined that a typographical error ("Tpr" at position 38 of SEQ ID NO: 1) appeared in the electronic copy of the Sequence Listing from the PCT application that was forwarded to us by the agent who filed the PCT. Unfortunately, that error was miscorrected to read "Thr" rather than "Trp". This error appeared in both the paper and CRF of the Sequence Listing submitted on July 5, 2002 (and subsequently re-submitted).

Applicants apologize for the confusion and inconvenience caused by this error. Review of the specification and claims as originally filed makes it unequivocally clear that "Trp" is the appropriate amino acid at position 38 of SEQ ID NO: 1. In addition, Applicants have proofread the remainder of the Sequence Listing for errors and one additional error was found. This error was also "Thr" at position 38 of SEQ ID NO: 2, which has now been corrected to "Trp". No further errors were found upon proofreading the Sequence Listing.

Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable forms, as well as a statement as required by 37 CFR §1.825(a). The substitute Sequence Listing differs from the previously filed Sequence Listing in the correction of position 38 of SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2 from "Thr" to "Trp". Entry of the substitute Sequence Listing is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

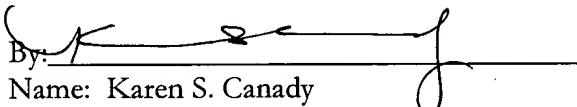
In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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